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PRESS RELEASE

In a statement issued today, the London-based Islamic Council made a strong appeal for aid to the victims of floods in Sudan.

The statement said that last week's unprecendented floods have inundated the capital city of Khartoum and large outlying areas, rendering more than one and a half million people destitute. The floods have also destroyed public and private foodstocks; farms and livestock; distrupted electric power supply and the services dependent upon it; and contaminated drinking water, posing a serious threat of epidemics.

The Council said that the country urgently needs tents,blankets, clothes, food for adults and babies, medicines,vaccines, and medical personnel; as well as water purification equipment and chemicals etc to face the immediate threat. Later, the country will need massive repair and rehabilitation effort.

The Council made an urgent appeal to governments ,charitable institutions and philanthropists around the world to give generous and prompt assistance to the calamity-stricken people of Sudan. The Council said that a special responsibility falls on the governments of Muslim countries, particularly the Gulf States, and expressed the hope that their humanitarian aid to their Muslim brothers will not be any less than their contributions, amounting to thousands of million pounds, to the devastating Gulf War, which caused more than one million casulties.

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